

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A mirror assembly for a motor vehicle, comprising:

a reflective element assembly comprising a reflective surface for providing a reflection image, and a reflective surface mounting panel for mounting the reflective surface thereto;

a mounting bracket for mounting the reflective element assembly to the motor vehicle;
and

an interlocking fastener assembly for removably attaching the reflective element assembly to the mounting bracket, comprising a first array of interlocking fasteners attached to and extending away from a ~~first one of the reflective element assembly and the mounting bracket, and a second array of interlocking fasteners attached to and extending away from a~~ second one of the other of the reflective element assembly and the mounting bracket, and configured to interlock with the first array and to secure said ~~first one of the reflective element assembly and the mounting bracket to the~~ second one of the other of the reflective element assembly and the mounting bracket ~~without rotation of said reflective element assembly relative to the mounting bracket;~~

wherein the interlocking fasteners of the first array have a configuration identical to the interlocking fasteners of the second array.

2. (Original) The mirror system according to claim 1, wherein the mounting panel comprises a lightweight material.

3. (Original) The mirror system according to claim 2, wherein the lightweight material comprises a synthetic resin.

4. (Original) The mirror system according to claim 2, wherein the lightweight material comprises a thermoplastic.
5. (Original) The mirror system according to claim 2, wherein the lightweight material comprises a gas-injected plastic having a plurality of microscopic voids distributed throughout.
6. (Withdrawn) The mirror system according to claim 2, wherein the reflective surface comprises a polymeric reflective film conformably attached to the mounting panel to provide a reflection image therein, wherein the reflection image is essentially free of visible distortion.
7. (Withdrawn) The mirror system according to claim 5, wherein the reflective surface comprises a polymeric reflective film conformably attached to the mounting panel to provide a reflection image therein, wherein the reflection image is essentially free of visible distortion.
8. (Previously Presented) The mirror system according to claim 1, wherein the mounting bracket further comprises a tilt actuator for selectively vertically and horizontally tilting the reflective element assembly in order to adjust a rearward field of vision provided thereby.
9. (Previously presented) The mirror system according to claim 8, wherein the tilt actuator further comprises a mounting plate pivotally attached thereto.
10. (Original) The mirror system according to claim 9, wherein the first array is attached to the mounting plate.
11. (Original) The mirror system according to claim 9, and further comprising a base plate attached to the mounting plate, wherein the first array is attached to the base plate.
12. (Original) The mirror system according to claim 1, wherein the second array is attached to the mounting panel.
13. (Original) The mirror system according to claim 1, and further comprising a mirror plate attached to the mounting panel, wherein the second array is attached to the mirror plate.

14. (Original) The mirror system according to claim 8, wherein the second array is attached to the mounting panel.

15. (Original) The mirror system according to claim 8, and further comprising a mirror plate attached to the mounting panel, wherein the second array is attached to the mirror plate.

16. (Original) The mirror system according to claim 1 wherein the first array and the second array are attachable and detachable without the use of separate fasteners.

17. (Currently Amended) The mirror system according to claim 8 wherein the ~~first one of the~~ reflective element assembly is attached to the tilt actuator by pressing the first array and the second array together, and the ~~first one of the~~ reflective element assembly can be separated from the tilt actuator for replacement by a ~~second one of the~~ replacement reflective element assembly by pulling the first array and the second array apart.

18. (Currently Amended) The mirror system according to claim 1 wherein ~~at least one of the~~ first array and the second array comprises a regularly-spaced plurality of fastening elements, each fastening element comprising an elongated cylindrical shaft terminating in an expanded, mushroom-shaped head.

19. (Currently Amended) A motor vehicle comprising at least one mirror system for providing a rearward view to the operator of the motor vehicle, the mirror system comprising:

a reflective element assembly comprising a reflective surface for providing a reflection image, and a mounting panel for mounting the reflective surface thereto;

a mounting bracket for mounting the reflective element assembly to the motor vehicle;
and

an interlocking fastener assembly for removably attaching the reflective element assembly to the mounting bracket, comprising a first array of interlocking fasteners attached to and extending away from a ~~first~~ one of the reflective element assembly and the mounting

bracket, and a second array of interlocking fasteners attached to and extending away from a ~~second one~~ the other of the reflective element assembly and the mounting bracket, and configured to interlock with the first array and to secure said ~~first one~~ of the reflective element assembly and the mounting bracket to the ~~second one~~ other of the reflective element assembly and the mounting bracket ~~without rotation of said reflective element assembly relative to the mounting bracket;~~

wherein the interlocking fasteners of the first array have a configuration identical to the interlocking fasteners of the second array.

20. (Original) The motor vehicle according to claim 19 wherein the mounting panel comprises a lightweight material.
21. (Original) The motor vehicle according to claim 20 wherein the lightweight material comprises a synthetic resin.
22. (Original) The motor vehicle according to claim 20 wherein the lightweight material comprises a thermoplastic.
23. (Original) The motor vehicle according to claim 20 wherein the lightweight material comprises a gas-injected plastic having a plurality of microscopic voids distributed throughout.
24. (Withdrawn) The motor vehicle according to claim 20 wherein the reflective surface comprises a polymeric reflective film conformably attached to the mounting panel to provide a reflection image therein, wherein the reflection image is essentially free of visible distortion.
25. (Withdrawn) The motor vehicle according to claim 23 wherein the reflective surface comprises a polymeric reflective film conformably attached to the mounting panel to provide a reflection image therein, wherein the reflection image is essentially free of visible distortion.

26. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle according to claim 19 wherein the mounting bracket further comprises a tilt actuator for selectively vertically and horizontally tilting the reflective element assembly in order to adjust a rearward field of vision provided thereby.
27. (Original) The motor vehicle according to claim 26, wherein the tilt actuator further comprises a mounting plate pivotally attached thereto.
28. (Original) The motor vehicle according to claim 27, wherein the first array is attached to the mounting plate.
29. (Original) The motor vehicle according to claim 27, and further comprising a base plate attached to the mounting plate, wherein the first array is attached to the base plate.
30. (Original) The motor vehicle according to claim 19, wherein the second array is attached to the mounting panel.
31. (Original) The motor vehicle according to claim 19, and further comprising a mirror plate attached to the mounting panel, wherein the second array is attached to the mirror plate.
32. (Original) The motor vehicle according to claim 26, wherein the second array is attached to the mounting panel.
33. (Original) The motor vehicle according to claim 26, and further comprising a mirror plate attached to the mounting panel, wherein the second array is attached to the mirror plate.
34. (Original) The motor vehicle according to claim 19 wherein the first array and the second array are attachable and detachable without the use of separate fasteners.
35. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle according to claim 26 wherein the ~~first one of~~ the reflective element assembly is attached to the tilt actuator by pressing the first array and the second array together, and the ~~first one of the~~ reflective element assembly can be separated from

the tilt actuator for replacement by a ~~second one of the replacement~~ reflective element assembly by pulling the first array and the second array apart.

36. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle according to claim 19 wherein ~~at least one of the~~ first array and the second array comprises a regularly-spaced plurality of fastening elements, each fastening element comprising an elongated cylindrical shaft terminating in an expanded, mushroom-shaped head.

37. (Currently Amended) A mirror assembly for a motor vehicle, comprising:

a reflective element assembly comprising a mirror glass for providing a reflection image and coupled with a mounting panel;

a tilt mechanism for vertical and horizontal tilting of the reflective element assembly in order to adjust the rearward field of view provided by the mirror glass;

a mounting bracket for mounting the tilt mechanism to the motor vehicle; and

an interlocking fastener assembly for removably attaching the mounting panel to the tilt mechanism, comprising a first array of interlocking fasteners attached to and extending away from ~~a first one of the mounting panel and the tilt mechanism~~, and a second array of interlocking fasteners attached to and extending away from ~~a second one of the other~~ of the mounting panel and the tilt mechanism, and configured to interlock with the first array and to secure said ~~first one of the mounting panel and the tilt mechanism to the second one of the other~~ of the mounting panel and the tilt mechanism ~~without rotation of said reflective element assembly relative to the tilt mechanism~~;

wherein the interlocking fasteners of the first array have a configuration identical to the interlocking fasteners of the second array.